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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize Illinois citizens  
4 who have distinguished themselves in service to this State;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Gary Seelbach  
7 has announced his retirement from State service after 34  
8 years of exemplary public service; he spent the first  
9 seventeen years working for the Illinois Department of Mental  
10 Health and Developmental Disabilities, where he quickly was  
11 promoted from direct care responsibilities working with  
12 mentally ill children in institutional settings to  
13 supervisory responsibilities and then up to regional  
14 administrative responsibilities; he was highly regarded for  
15 his innovative and humane approaches to this population; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Seelbach spent the next seventeen years as  
17 the Executive Director of the Community and Residential  
18 Services Authority (CRSA); this multiple-agency Authority was  
19 conceived and developed to respond to the complexities of the  
20 Illinois human services system for children and adolescents  
21 who are behavior disordered and/or severely emotionally  
22 disturbed; through diplomacy and vision, he has become the  
23 architect behind significant system changes; under his  
24 guidance, CRSA has successfully resolved over 5,000 service  
25 disputes between parents and agencies and has promoted a  
26 paradigm shift in Illinois' approach to children's services;  
27 and

28           WHEREAS, Mr. Seelbach's leadership through unconditional  
29 positive regard for families, his staff, and his colleagues  
30 confirms his intrinsic integrity and leaves a legacy of  
31 service excellence; he is leaving the State in better shape  
32 than he found it, which is a goal that all public servants

1 strive to attain but few accomplish to this degree; he has  
2 done a great job for the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
4 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
5 we congratulate Gary Seelbach as he retires from the State of  
6 Illinois after 34 years of service and extend our sincere  
7 best wishes to him for health and happiness in the future;  
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Gary Seelbach as an expression of our respect  
11 and esteem.